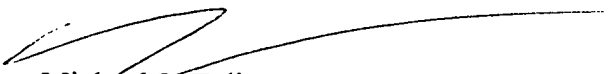


believed that the above amendment to Claim 11 would overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) with respect to the Feltman III et al. reference and the other references of record. Examiner Hylton agreed that the amendment to Claim 1 was merely a clarifying amendment, and not a narrowing amendment. However, the examiner indicated that the proposed amendment to Claim 11 raised new issues requiring a further search. Therefore, the examiner refused to enter the above proposed amendments by Examiner's Amendment. The applicants therefore through their undersigned representative have filed this "Amendment and Response After Final Rejection" and requested continued examination of this application under 35 U.S.C. § 114. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is earnestly requested. Marked up copies of the amended paragraphs are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) and (c)(ii).

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative by telephone at (206) 682-1600 to resolve any remaining issues.

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